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Sir:

The present amendments and remarks are in response to the July 20, 2006 Office Action where the Examiner rejected all of the pending claims. Before reconsideration of the present Application, please enter this Amendment and consider the accompanying responsive remarks.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. In the following amendments, an underline is used to indicate added text, and strikeouts are used to indicate deleted text. Brackets may also be used for deleted text or characters when strikeouts are not sufficiently clear, e.g., such as striking out a hyphen.

For purposes of clarification, the phrase “inorganic metal or semi-metal oxide particulates” is amended wherever it appears in the pending claims as originally presented to read as “inorganic metal oxide or semi-metal oxide particulates.” This amendment is supported by the use of the former phrase throughout the specification, as both phrases refer to the same subject matter. In addition, particulates of both types are disclosed at pg 7, lines 26-29 of the specification as being in accordance with the present invention.

Claim 11 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of original claim 14. Accordingly, claim 14 is hereby canceled.

New claims 31-37 present a method of preparing a media sheet that includes a two-step coating process. Support for this amendment is found on pg 13, lines 17-20 of the specification, as well as in originally filed claim 15. New claims 38-43 present a method of preparing a media sheet that includes applying a porous ink-receiving layer containing an effective amount of thiodiethanol. This amendment finds support in original claim 20 as well as in the Detailed Description at pg 6, line 28, in Example 2, and in originally filed claim 20.

Applicant submits that the claims as amended present patentable subject matter, as discussed further in the responsive remarks below.